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1                               A proposal to revise  
2       ARTICLE IV, ss. 4 and 6, Fla. Const.; providing  
3       for the Cabinet to be composed of the  
4       Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the  
5       Chief Financial Officer, and the Commissioner  
6       of Education; providing duties of the Chief  
7       Financial Officer; providing for the Secretary  
8       of State and the Commissioner of Agriculture to  
9       be appointed by the Governor.

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11   It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission  
12   that:

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14       Section 1. Sections 4 and 6 of Article IV of the  
15   Florida Constitution are revised by amending those sections to  
16   read:

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ARTICLE IV

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EXECUTIVE

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SECTION 4. Cabinet.--

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21       (a) There shall be a cabinet composed of the  
22   lieutenant governor ~~a secretary of state~~, an attorney general,  
23   a chief financial officer, comptroller, a treasurer, a  
24   ~~commissioner of agriculture~~ and a commissioner of education.

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26   In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, the  
27   members of the cabinet ~~they~~ shall exercise such powers and  
28   perform such duties as may be prescribed by law.

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30       ~~(b) The secretary of state shall keep the records of~~  
31   ~~the official acts of the legislative and executive~~  
32   ~~departments.~~

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34       **(b)(c)** The attorney general shall be the chief state  
35   legal officer. There is created in the office of the attorney

1 general the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide  
2 prosecutor shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state  
3 attorneys to prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring  
4 or having occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part  
5 of a related transaction, or when any such offense is  
6 affecting or has affected two or more judicial circuits as  
7 provided by general law. The statewide prosecutor shall be  
8 appointed by the attorney general from not less than three  
9 persons nominated by the judicial nominating commission for  
10 the supreme court, or as otherwise provided by general law.

11 ~~(c)(d) The comptroller shall serve as~~ The chief  
12 financial ~~fiscal~~ officer of the state, ~~and~~ shall settle and  
13 approve accounts against the state and.

14 ~~(e) The treasurer shall keep all state funds and~~  
15 ~~securities. He shall disburse state funds only upon the order~~  
16 ~~of the comptroller. Such order may be in any form and may~~  
17 ~~require the disbursement of State funds~~ may be disbursed by  
18 electronic means or by means of a magnetic tape or any other  
19 transfer medium.

20 ~~(f) The commissioner of agriculture shall have~~  
21 ~~supervision of matters pertaining to agriculture except as~~  
22 ~~otherwise provided by law.~~

23 ~~(d)(g)~~ The commissioner of education shall supervise  
24 the public education system in the manner prescribed by law.

25 SECTION 6. Executive departments.--

26 (a) All functions of the executive branch of state  
27 government shall be allotted among not more than twenty-five  
28 departments, exclusive of those specifically provided for or  
29 authorized in this constitution. The administration of each  
30 department, unless otherwise provided in this constitution,  
31 shall be placed by law under the direct supervision of the

1 governor, the lieutenant governor, the governor and cabinet, a  
2 cabinet member, or an officer or board appointed by and  
3 serving at the pleasure of the governor, except:

4 (1)~~(a)~~ When provided by law, confirmation by the  
5 senate or the approval of three members of the cabinet shall  
6 be required for appointment to or removal from any designated  
7 statutory office.

8 (2)~~(b)~~ Boards authorized to grant and revoke licenses  
9 to engage in regulated occupations shall be assigned to  
10 appropriate departments and their members appointed for fixed  
11 terms, subject to removal only for cause.

12 (b) The governor shall appoint a secretary of state  
13 who shall keep the records of the official acts of the  
14 legislature and the executive departments.

15 (c) The governor shall appoint a commissioner of  
16 agriculture who shall supervise matters pertaining to  
17 agriculture, except as otherwise provided by law.